



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, August 1, 2012
Minutes

Members Present: F. Baruzzi (in at 5:45pm), A. Bloom, G. Bent (co-chair), P. Braithwaite, L. Dahn, V. Fry, C. Guerrieri, K. Grunwald (staff), Y. Kim (in at 5:40pm), K. Krider (staff), MJ Newman, E. Soffer Roberts, J. Stoughton (co-chair) and J. Woodmansee (staff),

Regrets: S. Anderson, J. Goldman, J. Boltseridge, R. Leclerc

Guests: Terry Cook

<i>WHAT (topic)</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
CALL TO ORDER	G. Bent called the meeting to order at 5:34pm	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of Minutes from June 6, 2012.	<i><u>Motion:</u> P. Braithwaite moves to approve the 6/6/12 Minutes as written. E. Soffer Roberts seconds and the motion passes unanimously.</i>
SCHOOL READINESS	<p>Update on Grant Submission Award: K. Krider reported that she has not heard from SDE on our grant award.</p> <p>New 2012-2013 Income Guidelines from SDE: K. Krider reported that the new guidelines have been received and that all SR families have received a letter from her stating what their payment to the center will be. There has been no feedback from families to her office but L. Dahn stated that she has heard from some of her families regarding increased tuition.</p> <p>Slot Update: K. Krider reported that there is currently one PD slot available at Willow House and that 1 FD slot recently opened at MDD.</p> <p>Combination of School Readiness Task Force and Successful Learners Team: K. Krider reported that Successful Learners and the School Readiness Task Force are now one and the same in accordance with MAC's Bylaws. It was noted that the SR legislation mandates individuals who must serve on the task force including a librarian, nurse and designee's of the mayor and superintendent.</p>	

	<p>She also noted that a newly formed State task force will be visiting Discovery/SR communities in the future.</p>	
OLD BUSINESS	<p>Adopt Succession document into Bylaws: K. Krider stated that she had emailed this document to the membership for review so that it can be voted on tonight and adopted into the Bylaws prior to the annual meeting in September.</p> <p>Partner's Exercise: G. Bent reminded all about the partner's exercise that was conducted at the June meeting with regard to the One Book and Transportation projects.</p>	<p><u><i>Motion:</i></u></p> <p><i>A. Bloom moves to endorse the Succession Policy as distributed. P. Braithwaite seconds and the motion passes unanimously.</i></p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Welcome Back to Ande Bloom from EHHD – K. Krider announced that A. Bloom has returned to EHHD and MAC.</p> <p>GMF Discovery Award for Mansfield: K. Krider reported that Mansfield has been awarded \$40,000 for a one-year period beginning on July 1st. Members briefly discussed the need for a greater match at the end of the first year.</p> <p>Annual Meeting scheduled for September 5th: K. Krider reported that MAC Annual Meeting will be held on September 5th. Team leaders will need to be identified for SL and CC as K. Krider reported that J. Higham has resigned from MAC. In addition, Bill and Jill from CCEA will give a report/recommendations on the data received from the Community Connectedness Survey.</p> <p>In addition, K. Krider and K. Grunwald noted that Christopher Brechlan has been hired as a consultant to work with the "Results Scorecard." This scorecard is a project management tool which was designed for RBA and will eventually be attached to the website and will allow members access to data.</p> <p>Members discussed the fee for the Results Scorecard noting that it is initially free and then the cost will depend on the number of user groups. Members noted that other discovery communities (Norwich, Norwalk) may also be using the program.</p> <p>Town of Mansfield Annual Report: K. Krider reported that MAC must contribute a list of accomplishments for the last FY and a list of plans for the upcoming FY for the Town's Annual Report.</p> <p>Members brainstormed the following with regard to accomplishments for the last FY: Playground, retreat; successful application for continued Option 1 funding from the GMF; successfully advocated town for increased support of the GMF grant; grown membership; successful leadership transition; Patty's webinar; K. Krider's webinar for the National League of</p>	<p>K. Krider will look into any additional communities who are using the results scorecard.</p> <p>K. Krider contact S. Anderson for detailed information regarding the playground.</p> <p>K. Krider will prepare a draft and email out to the membership for comments.</p>

	<p>Cities, CCEA report and, the K Intake form. Members brainstormed the following with regard to plans for the upcoming FY: Transportation, One Book, Plan re-write and develop membership from faith based leaders.</p> <p>New practice for September that each team leader provide Agenda items: K. Krider stated that in our continued efforts to run efficient meetings, she is requesting that each team leader provide Agenda items for their Teams for the designated breakout time of the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting was suspended at 6:15pm.</p>	
UPDATES	<p>The meeting reconvened at 7:15pm One Book: MJ Newman reported that she provided members of the Successful Learners team with a planning guide entitled “Planning your Community-Wide Read” and that the team time was spent identifying goal for this project.</p> <p>Health: P. Braithwaite reported that once school gets back into session the team will continue to work with the school nurse to obtain BMI data from the middle school.</p> <p>Plan Re-write: K. Krider reported that she has continued to supply David Beckett with information with regard to the Plan and that they will meet on Monday, August 13th.</p> <p>Transportation/CC: K. Grunwald reported that the CC team hopes to present data to the Town Council and BOE at the end of September or early October. In addition, the transportation survey will be distributed at Holinko Estates as a pilot.</p>	K. Grunwald will send out the dates for the pilot survey to the membership. Additional people are needed to distribute the survey.
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.</p> <p>Next Executive Council meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 2012, 1:15pm – 2:45pm at Town Hall in Conference Room B</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, Wednesday, September 5, 2012 5:00pm – 5:30pm Arrival and Dinner 5:30pm – 7:30pm MAC Meeting</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at kriderk@mansfieldct.org</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Jillene B. Woodmansee Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

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